

# ***Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon*** ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

We are a **LiveSimply** parish aiming to live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor

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## **PRIVATE PRAYER**

We are blessed that the church can be open for **private prayer**, on the following days and times:

✠ **Tuesdays: 12pm to 1pm**  
✠ **Fridays: 12pm to 1pm**

## **MASS BOOKINGS:**

***On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July you can book for Masses from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July.***

**PLEASE** remember to give as many dates and times when you could attend, and book **on** the Monday – otherwise you may be disappointed. Also be clear on the number of people you are booking for and let us know if you would like to attend more than one Mass during the week.

## **HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS**

### **No Internet Access?**

Phone **07395 946827** EACH MONDAY between 10am and 11am ONLY to book a place for the FOLLOWING week

### **Have Internet Access?**

**DON'T** phone. Instead, email: [contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk) EACH MONDAY, to book a place for the FOLLOWING week

## **14<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**Attendance through booking system only, but also available on our live stream**

### **Sunday 4 July**

10.15am Mass (Kinsella family intentions)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Private intention)

### **Monday 5 July**

9am Mass (Alexandra Paterson intentions)

### **Tuesday 6 July**

NO Mass See: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse) for other Masses

### **Wednesday 7 July**

7pm Mass (Peter O'Riordan, RIP)

### **Thursday 8 July**

9.30am Mass (Naïf & Nadège Habayeb, RIP)

### **Friday 9 July**

7pm Mass (Rose Langridge intentions)

### **Saturday 10 July**

12pm Mass **Our Lady on Saturday** (Kate Louise Douglas, RIP)

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Newsletters will be available once again in the church once all restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, they are available on the News section of our website. If you have anything which you would like to be included, please ensure that you send it to the parish office ([abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)) by the Wednesday of each week.

## **CONFESSIONS**

This is still by appointment for now. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment. Contact details are in the header of this newsletter.



## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot today receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

During the month of July, we are asked to pray for vocations. This week we pray that the call to serve Christ and His Church in the priesthood and consecrated life will fall on the rich soil of hearts prepared by prayer, hard work, and generous service to others. The Lord says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. If you think he may be calling you, contact Cn. John Cooke at [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.



### RIGHT TO LIFE

An extreme amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion) to England and Wales will be debated and voted by MPs next week. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. This change to law would make the Abortion Act (1967) redundant by removing all legal safeguards (many of which protect women) around abortion provided by the Act. You can ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth from being introduced by writing to them as soon as possible or using the link on the [News](#) page of our website.



### ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY

Reflecting on our responsibilities as Stewards of Creation, Sheila Wade the interim Director of Charity (Caritas Portsmouth) encourages everyone in the diocese to complete a short environmental survey so that she can get a picture of what is happening in the diocese on environmental issues and the impact of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. The survey takes a just a few minutes to tick the boxes and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/332PKFG>

### WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul of John O'Sullivan.



### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The Second Collection next Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> July) is for the *Apostleship of the Sea*. This is the Catholic Church's maritime agency that provides spiritual and welfare support to seafarers arriving in Great Britain and ports around the world. Its extensive network of port chaplains and ship visitors offer pastoral and practical assistance to seafarers who work far from home, separated from their families, and in sometimes harsh working conditions.

### MOTIVATION TO GO TO MASS

You may have heard priests or devout Catholics say something like, "If only people knew what was happening at Mass, they'd be more willing to go." That may be true, but in his short video, Fr. Mike Schmitz also gets to the more practical - and painfully direct - heart of the matter. He points out that the heart of worship is sacrifice, and ultimately, it is not about how engaged or entertained we are. **Mass isn't about us; it's about God and what He asks of us.** You can view Fr Mike's short video on the [News](#) page of our website.



### YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST - PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, fill us with the fire of divine charity, and through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, St. Edmund of Abingdon and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, renew our Diocese, its clergy, religious and faithful. Give us all a deeper love for your Word and for the Holy Eucharist and make us totally dependent on your Holy Spirit. Fill us with the desire to go out on mission to everyone as servants of all. Restore the lapsed; bless our youth and help us to put our time, talent and treasure at your service. Above all, make us holy that we may bring many more souls closer to You through your Church. Bless us all, dear Lord, and bring us one day to heaven, where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

### ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

*Abingdon Community Fridge* collect surplus food from supermarkets and distribute to the community. Everyone is welcome. The Fridge has moved to Hadland Road Community Centre, Abingdon OX14 3YH and opening hours are now Mondays 5-6pm, Thursdays 2-3 pm, and Saturdays 10.30-11.30 am.